



**City of Sunnyvale
Department of Parks & Recreation
Recreation Division
INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN**



Sunnyvale Youth Basketball League (SYBL)

What is the Sunnyvale Youth Basketball League?

The City of Sunnyvale offers a recreational basketball league for boys and girls in grades first through eighth. This league is non-competitive and designed to encourage participation and develop basketball skills while helping children learn to respect others, to practice sportsmanship, and to accept both winning and losing gracefully. The league is recreational and no league standings are kept.

Who can participate in the Sunnyvale Youth Basketball League?

The league is open to girls and boys in grades first through eighth. Priority registration is given to Sunnyvale residents and children who attend schools within Sunnyvale's city boundaries. Participants who attend Sunnyvale schools but live outside Sunnyvale will pay a non-resident rate. After the priority registration deadline, non-resident registration will be accepted provided there is space available. Early registration is encouraged as space is limited and the league is filled on a first come, first served basis.

How do I register?

Registration for the league begins in October of each year. Brochures, including the registration form, are available at the Community Center front desk beginning the last week of September. Brochures are also distributed to all of the elementary and middle schools within Sunnyvale's city boundaries. The brochures are mailed directly to all of the previous year's participants. Registration is taken on a first come, first served basis, as space is limited in the league. Registration forms may be mailed in or hand-delivered to the Community Center.

When does the league take place?

The league runs each year from January through the middle of March. Each team is limited to one practice each week for a total of nine practices, and games begin the second week of the season for a total of eight games. Practices are held on weekday evenings and games are held on Saturdays. Both practices and games are one hour each. There is a week off in February during winter break.

How are the teams formed?

Each team consists of a maximum of ten players. Teams are formed in the most fair and logistical manner possible. On the registration form, there is a designated space for a child to request one other player they would like to play with. Coaches are allowed to request up to three players on their coaching form. There is also a designated space on the registration form where the participant indicates which "zone" or school the child attends and a space to list days in which the child cannot attend practices. All of these factors are considered when teams are formed; however, due to the large number of players, limited facility access and the availability of individual coaches, all needs simply cannot be met for each child. **We**

cannot guarantee that your child will be placed on a specific team, with a specific player or coach, or in a specific area. When forming teams, all attempts are made to meet at least one of the above factors for each child; although no guarantee can be made. Coaches are given rosters in December and asked to contact their players to inform them of practice and game sites, times, and locations.

Who are the coaches, referees and scorekeepers?

All coaches are volunteers, 18 years of age or older, and must go through a background check before being selected to participate as a coach. Coaches may be parents or other adults who are interested in coaching basketball. The referee and scorekeepers must be 16 years of age or older and must complete all pre-employment testing or volunteer screening.

Where are the games and practices held?

Games are played at Peterson Middle School, Sunnyvale Middle School, and Columbia Neighborhood Center (AMD Sports Center). Practices are held at game sites or at a number of other schools in Sunnyvale. Practices and games may be held at locations other than the school a child attends. Availability of coaches and gym space determines practice locations and times. **We cannot arrange for your child to be at a particular location or time for practices or games.**